

SKIN OF ODD YARNS SPUN—TRUE EVERY ONE.

A HIGHLY important decision was rendered yesterday by the alienists employed at Bellevue Hospital. They ruled, in the case of Thomas Mahoney, that for a man to crane his neck looking at skyscrapers is not prima facie evidence of insanity.

Policeman Shields thought it was. While passing the corner of Fifth avenue and Fifteenth street yesterday he saw Mahoney standing still and gazing at the skyline of the various lofty buildings in that neighborhood. Several other persons, seeing Mahoney thus absorbed, roused near him and stared in the same direction with every appearance of excitement, as is the manner of New York crowds.

Taking a tight grip on his club, Shields approached Mahoney, and, in the soothing tone in which one humors a dangerous lunatic, said: "What do you think you see up there, mister?"

"Nothing," replied Mahoney, with surprise. "Just the buildings."

"You'd better come along with me," said the policeman, taking him by the arm. "Don't get excited, now. I'm taking you to a place where they'll be kind to you and make your headache feel better."

In vain Mahoney protested that he hadn't any headache, and wanted to go home to No. 443 West Forty-first street, where he is a janitor. He was obliged to follow the policeman to Bellevue Hospital, where he was handed over to the insanity experts, with the information that he had acted queerly by looking at the high buildings. Doctors Armstrong and Taylor found that he was perfectly sane and discharged him.

WING has never met such a hum-ming adventure before. He was ambling across Central Park with an inscrutable smile on his broad features

when his hat was knocked off and he felt a tug at his pigtail. Looking above him—he was in the sunken road at Sixty-fifth street—he beheld an ill-favored youth scrambling back to his position on the parapet, carrying the end of the pigtail with him.

"Hi! Hi! Hear touches Melican kid, legged!" screamed Wing Faw, as he watched his cherished queue, by which he hopes to be lifted into Paradise some day, unravel like knitted yarn. But the ill-favored youth, who proved to be Frank Smith, of No. 88 Columbus avenue, laughed derisively, and began a series of jerks by which he compelled the Chinaman to dance like one of those queer little mannikins at the end of a string.

This diversion had ended, and Smith and his victim were pelting each other with stones, when the police interfered and both were locked up. It is a tribute to Wing Faw's race that the designation "yellow" had never been written before opposite the name of a prisoner on the Arsenal blotter.

There is a ghost in Bloomfield, N. J., which has a certain official status never before achieved by an apparition, so far as the oldest inhabitant can remember. This particular shade is vouchsafed for by a police justice and a policeman.

Police Justice Post relates that he was passing W. Loc K-wood's grocery store, in Broad street, when his car was assailed by deep moans, punctuated by movement, laughter and the clanking of a chain. Recognizing these as unfailing signs of the ghostliness of a shade, Mr. Post determined to show his metal. Although the hour was midnight, he stood his ground and looked about him for the source of the weird noises.

There was no sign of anything in the darkness, but the moans continued. "If there was any way of getting rid of the watch," retorted the Magistrate, "you would be the very one to know it."

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Revell, who lives at No. 82 Christopher street, paused in the doorway on Saturday afternoon to watch the struggles of a sunstruck horse. So did many other wayfarers, including Dawson, whose photograph is in the Rogues' Gallery. When Revell found a hand fumbling about his rified watch pocket he held it in a warm clasp till a policeman came along and took its owner in custody.

"There wasn't no watch in me hand, Judge, yer Honor," said Dawson to Magistrate Meade yesterday. "All the guy copped was me flipper, and he said got nothing to show against me."

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MADE A MARIONETTE OF WING.

AWFUL GHOST IN A GROCERY.

COLER DOOMED FOR GOVERNOR.

Kings County May Be Given First Place on the Ticket.

M'LAUGHLIN IS ON TOP.

He Can Have What He Wants if He Joins Murphy and Croker.

West End, Long Branch, July 31.—Comptroller Bird S. Coler's mission to Long Branch to-day as the reported bearer of a message from Hugh McLaughlin, and the appearance exclusively in the Journal of the interview with former Senator David B. Hill, have been the chief political incidents of the day.

After the Comptroller had departed the Murphy-Crocker leaders declared that the most positive assurances had been given direct from Mr. McLaughlin that the delegates from Kings County would act with them at the coming State Convention, and that this meant them certain of only thirteen less votes than a majority in it.

Mr. Coler arrived here just after noon. A carriage awaited him at the door of the Hotel Hamilton, and he was driven to the residence of President Guggenheimer, of the Municipal Council. Mr. Croker was at the time a guest of President Guggenheimer, the others at the table being Sena-bender, Mr. Murphy, John E. Carroll, John B. Sexton, Anthony M. Brady, Maurice, Samuel and Isaac Lutenmyer and Corporation Counsel Whalen. The Comptroller received a warm welcome from Mr. Croker, and after the luncheon they, with Senator Murphy, had a consultation. After the conference the Comptroller said:

"I came down to pay my respects to Mr. Croker. That is all."

Before Mr. Coler departed for the city word was passed that an immediate result of the reported deal between Messrs. Croker, Murphy and McLaughlin might be an offer from Tammany to support any Kings County Democrat for Governor or Lieutenant-Governor that McLaughlin should select. Thereupon Coler was first placed on the ticket.

When asked by the Journal correspondent whether he was willing to run, the Comptroller blushed and replied:

"I have not yet announced my candidacy. I have not yet yet to serve as Comptroller. As Governor my term would only be two years."

Boomers for various candidates for places on the State ticket other than Governor are here. They are divided between James H. Manning, of Albany, and John B. Judson, of Fulton, for Governor, and John E. Carroll, of Oneida, for a Kings County man for Lieutenant-Governor. Thomas B. Hendler, who was Deputy Secretary of State under Governor Wood, is being pushed for Secretary of State; John N. Carlisle, of Jefferson, for State Treasurer, and Norton Chase, of Albany, and Jacob A. Cantor, of New York, for Attorney-General. The latter declares he will not be a candidate except for Governor.

WOMAN HOLDS UP JAIL BREAKERS.

Five Desperate Convicts Look Into the Barrel of Mrs. Mary Jane Ballard's Shotgun.

Charleston, West Va., July 31.—Boone County, West Va., has the only woman jailer in full charge of a county penal institution in the United States. She has instituted many reforms in the management of the jail and here is one of the few institutions which the State prison inspector has found entirely satisfactory.

She is Mary Jane Ballard. Her husband, St. Clair Ballard, was jailer until his death last July. The County Court appointed her two months ago. Mrs. Ballard is a fine specimen of strong, healthy womanhood. She is forty-four years old and five feet eight inches tall.

Last week she coolly walked into the jail, where five desperate convicts were loose in the corridors and looking up to the door, she leveled her gun and made them enter their cells, where she locked them up, heading off a jail break.

STORM CLOSED A SHORE HOTEL.

Undermined a Wing of the Rossmore at Sea Cliff.

The Rossmore, one of the largest hotels in Sea Cliff, L. I., had to close yesterday as a result of Saturday's storm. The water undermined the dining room and one of the wings of the building, and Proprietor Kent had to give his guests dinner and breakfast in another part of the

will take some time to make repairs. It is expected that the village for Kent will see the village for his

Children Saved from Drowning in the Park.

Ellis and Anna Heaman, children three and five years old, while playing in the Lake in Central Park yesterday fell in and sank underneath the base of a tree in the pond. Park Policeman Randolph Kitcher jumped in and saved both.

Against the Law to Rest Your Hands.

Charles Buckling, twenty-one years old, of No. 95 East Third street, was arrested by Policeman Taylor, of the Central Park squad, yesterday afternoon for resting his hands on the bicycle handle bars. This is contrary to Park rules.

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PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING GROCERIES, FISH, MEAT, MILK, OATS, ETC., FOR BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN AND QUEENS.—SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR THE ABOVE-mentioned work will be received by the DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES at its office, 100 Nassau street, corner of Spruce street, in this city, on TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1893, at 12 o'clock P. M.

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